

they joined in the chorus and sweetened the music with a smile.

After supper was disposed of the literary entertainment was opened by W. E. Robinson, President of the Convention, in a few remarks. Elongquent and witty speeches followed by the Rev. Horace James, Orator of the Convention; Wm. H. Burleigh, the Poet of the Convention; the Rev. Mr. Lee of Fair Haven, Ct., Chaplain and Tufts W. S. Colton of Yale College. Then followed responses to the toasts in honor of the different chapters at the several colleges. Mr. Davis responded for Union College; Dr. Tuthill of the *Times*, for the New-York University; Mr. Taft for Brown; Mr. Strong for Amherst; Messrs. Drake and Parker for Columbia; Mr. Hawley & Hamilton; Mr. Pomeroy for the Wesleyan University; Mr. Jacobson for Harvard; and Messrs. H. C. Robinson and Phelps for Yale. I need not attempt to report the speeches, though there were some of oratory well worthy of preservation. One of the finest things of this sort I have ever listened to was Mr. Burleigh's painting of a vision which opened upon his mind as he was dwelling upon the toast to "The wives of Psi Upsilon" "silen that are and are to be;" some of the ringlets that had tangled in their braids the captive sunlight and others with hair as dark as the wing of night, beneath which the stars were sleeping or shining. Your Dodsworth's Band was present at the supper, and discoursed most exquisite music, accompanying the Society in many of their songs. The balconies around the dining room were crowded with guests of the hotel and others listening to the music, song, toast and eloquence. The gray artist of morning was penciling most delicate light on tree and turret as the echo of the festivity died away.

Comment was the same old story of *Frays* Music, Oration, Dissertation, Dispute, Colloquy and Valedictory. I will not deny that Yale is improved since I had the honor of being disciplined by her, but she is conservative of her old looks and habits. One of the most marked changes is that about her was a more decided silver tinge on the beard of the college printer. The church was crowded with the ladies who appeared pretty much as I had gazed at them from behind my sheepskin fourteen years ago. They still looked as young as ever, and here and there I could notice among the bunch of "Queens" and "Belles" that bloomed on the galleries new-blown roses that were the budding of new birds.

The City of New-Haven, always beautiful, more so now. I had intended to give you a description of her new churches, new dwellings &c., but my letter is already too long. On Wednesday I spent the afternoon in visiting the gun and pistol factories of Eli Whitney at Whitfordville. His father, Eli Whitney, was the inventor of the Cotton-gin, and had established factories for various manufacturing purposes on Mill River. He is now very extensively engaged in manufacturing arms for the Government. Already he has made about 30,000 of the Mississippi rifles, which with the Minnie ball are quite equal to the Minnie rifle. Mr. Whitney showed me the whole process

of making. The barrel is drilled from the solid by means of steel and grooved spirally by machinery of the most curious description. The Minnie ball is conical-shaped, with a cavity in the part next the powder, which exploding wedges it out more thoroughly than the shape of the bore. Every part of every piece is manufactured so that one piece of any one lot will fit the barrel is 33 inches long and the ball 32 1/2 inches in diameter.

Mr. Whitney is commencing an extensive manufacturing of revolvers which he claims to be superior to Colt's. It is known as Beal's Patent Repeating Pistol. It is a seven shooter, the trigger revolves the cylinder by an oscillating spring and fires the pistol as quick as you please. The

One of the most elegant parties ever given in New-Haven very happily wound up the commencement proceedings last evening. It was given by Mrs. Sheffield to her youthful and accomplished daughter, who has just been married to Prof. J. A. Porter of Yale College, a graduate of Yale in 1842, a Brother in Unity and a Psi Upsilon. Mrs. Sheffield's elegant mansion on the Public-square was thrown open. The rooms, the arbor, the

closed veranda, the beautiful walks in the garden were crowded with the wit, fashion and intelligence of New Haven and more distant cities. If I dared to particularize, even if I could do so with propriety, I could not without injustice or an unreasonable elongation of my letter.

I must not forget to mention that President Woolsey has his usual elegant levee, graced by the ladies, at an earlier hour than the same at Yale.

I have a little poetry for you, in part from Burleigh's Psi Upsilon poem, which I will send bringing you by the next mail. RICHIE LEE

FLUSHING FEMALE COLLEGE.  
C. N. S.

FLUSHING, Friday, July 27, 1855.

The Commencement Exercises of the Flushing Female College (St. Thomas's Hall) were celebrated in this village on Thursday, 26th inst. At 2 o'clock P. M. the pupils of the present year and many of former years, together with a large number of strangers and citizens assembled in the Hall. The procession was formed at 2 o'clock, and proceeded to the Methodist Church having been joined on the way by the Faculty and pupils of the Flushing Institute, under the charge of Miss Fairchild. Esq.

After the congregation had become seated the exercises commenced with an instrumental performance from "La Cenerentola," of Rossini. Prayer was offered by the Rev. S. W. King, Rockaway. After a finely executed chorus by the College Choir, the Rev. Allen Steele of New York delivered an address of great beauty and power on Education in its relation to the advancement of the Arts and Sciences and the general improvement of society.

The compositions of the Graduating Class were then read by the Rev. S. Bourne of the Congregational, the Rev. J. Carpenter Smith of the Episcopal, and the Rev. G. H. Manderville of the Reformed churches.

The address to the Graduating Class by the President, the Rev. Wm. H. Gillett, was impressive and appropriate, and alluded in feeling terms to absence of one of the Class in consequence of the sudden death of her mother. After the diplomas had been conferred the audience was dismissed with the benediction by the Rev. A. Robinson of New-York.

will know and highly popular Institution—in its fourteenth year.

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**NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.**

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HUDSON BOARD OF EDUCATION.—The Board of Education of the new City of Hudson, consists of the following persons, appointed by the Common Council: Charles E. Newbam, David Cookin, James Cummings, A. R. Dey, Jacob Miller, Wm. Nangle, Joseph West, Justus Smith and John H. Platt.

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SPRING BREAKERS.—The Common Council

**MAIL ROBBERY IN SCHOMARIE COUNTY.**—While from a man from Schomarie that a letter containing \$200 was put into the Post-Office at Gardinville or the 16th, directed to the Schomarie Bank, failed to reach its destination. Suspicion fell upon a young man who carries the mail between Gardinville and Schomarie, from the latter of whom one which had been observed in him. He was finally arrested and \$100 of the money was found among his effects. He has been sent to jail in Cooperstown.

await trial and has confessed the robbery. What left of the \$200 was returned to its owner.